

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY CHANGES TO THE STRATEGIC HIGHWAY CORRIDOR DESIGNATION FOR ANY PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 1 OR THE PROPOSED US HIGHWAY 1 BYPASS IN RICHMOND COUNTY THAT WILL DIMINISH PRIORITY AND NEGATIVELY IMPACT FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Long-Range Multimodal Statewide Transportation Plan adopted by the Board of Transportation in September 2004 identified the Strategic Highway Corridors initiative as a new focus for the NCDOT to improve, protect, and better plan for a series of critical highway facilities in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the formal recognition of the Strategic Highway Corridors concept confirms NCDOT's commitment to emphasize greater planning and investment in the state's highest use facilities – those facilities that play a critical role in the statewide mobility and regional connectivity; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated purpose of the Strategic Highway Corridors is to promote statewide economic prosperity and support the NCDOT's environmental stewardship goals; to preserve North Carolina's taxpayer investment in critical highway corridors; enhance major corridor mobility within and to destinations just outside North Carolina; and enhance connectivity of intrastate and interstate travel; and

**WHEREAS**, segments of existing US Highway 1 and the proposed US Highway 1 Bypass in Richmond County are designated as freeways on Strategic Highway Corridors system; and

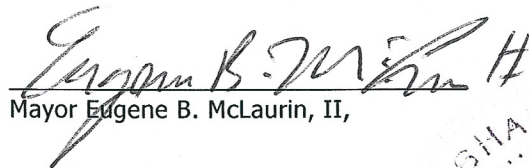
**WHEREAS**, the Rockingham City Council believes that US Highway 1 is a vital transportation corridor connecting Rockingham and Richmond County to other regional and statewide market centers and thus is a key component in efforts to grow and diversify both the Rockingham and Richmond County economies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockingham City Council believes removing or downgrading the Strategic Highway Corridor designation for US Highway 1 and the proposed US Highway 1 Bypass will diminish priority and negatively impact future funding for construction and improvements related to these facilities;

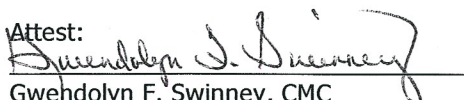
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Rockingham City Council supports the concept and purpose of the Strategic Highway Corridors initiative; and the continued designation of US Highway 1 and proposed segments of US Highway 1 Bypass as a freeway in Strategic Highway Corridor system.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, the Rockingham City Council is opposed to any changes in the Strategic Highway Corridors designation for any segments of US Highway 1 and/or any segments of the proposed US Highway 1 Bypass located in Richmond County that will diminish priority and/or negatively impact future funding for construction and improvements related to these facilities.

This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012

  
Mayor Eugene B. McLaurin, II,

Attest:

  
Gwendolyn F. Swinney, CMC  
City Clerk

